

Music department produces another Gilbert & Sullivan hit

By Melissa Chamblee

The British actor Kenneth Haigh once said, "You need three things in the theatre—the play, the actors and the audience, and each must give something."

That was absolutely true during the performance of *The Pirates of Penzance* put on by Shelton State's music department on Nov. 3-5. It seemed everyone involved in the production went above and beyond to make it enjoyable for the audience.

Musical Director, Glinda Blackshear told the *Courier*: "We chose to do an operetta because singing is what we do best, but it is so much fun; the audience loves it too; they don't even realize that it is a form of opera because it's so funny. The students had invested so much leadership doing the sets and costumes and some of the blockings that they really feel ownership of the show. It's been a great experience for all of us."

The Pirates of Penzance centers on an apprentice by the name of Frederic. It is his 21st birthday which marks the end of his appren-

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Singing pirates enthrall audiences



After its best season, soccer squad drops second playoff game



The Shelton State Lady Buccaneer soccer team's great season is behind them.

By Melissa Chamblee

For those who have followed the Shelton State women's soccer team, this season has been one of great victory and successful striding. Advancing from the regular season and recently attending the playoffs in Georgia the women have really proved their level of skill.

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Dr. Joanne Jordan named acting president

Dr. Joanne Jordan, Vice Chancellor for Special Projects with the Alabama College System, was named acting president of Shelton State Community College on Friday, Nov. 3.

Dr. Jordan stepped in for Dr. Rick Rogers, who was placed on administrative leave by the College System due to an ongoing investigation into the two-year college system.

Jordan met with the faculty and staff of Shelton on Monday, Nov. 6,

and urged the Shelton family of employees to keep their heads up and keep working hard for the college and its mission.

"I'm here merely to provide cohesion and help you move forward during this interim period," she said. "It is my hope and, I am sure, your hope that my time here will be brief and that Dr. Rogers will be back at the college very soon."

Jordan has 40 years of experience with the college system, including several years as President of Southern Union Community College. "I bring my experience and a deep love for the college system to the table," she said.



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Basketball teams off to their usual fast—but not perfect—starts

It seems like a formula for success: completely swamp most of your early-season opponents, but go ahead and drop a game or two, if for no other reason than to get your players' attention.

Once again, for the 2006-07 Buccaneers, this seems to be their *modus operandi*.

Both Buc squads are off to fast starts, but both have an early loss that may serve to get them riled up.

The men's team went to Hutchinson, Kan. for the Quick Copy Juco tournament and earned a resounding victory in the first round over Kansas Wesleyan, 93-55.

But in the championship game they met up with an autumnal rattlesnake of a team, the host Hutchinson Community College. If the Buccaneers are lucky, they may meet this team again in the spring to avenge their 94-87 loss. The men are 2-1 with a home-opener against

Wallace-Selma on their Nov. 20 horizon

The Lady Buccaneers are also defeating their opponents by an impressive margin.

They won their home-opener over Wallace of Selma by a 108-70 score on Nov. 11, for instance.

The attention-getter for the women happened against Midland College in the first game of the season in Midland, Texas. The women were leading through most of the game only to have the host of the Midland Tip-Off classic catch them in the last minute. The Lady Bucs missed a couple of shots at the buzzer and lost 61-59.

As if to make the point of what should have happened, the team beat its other opponents in the tournament by incredible scores of 103-34 and 102-19.

These early-season setbacks leave the men at 2-1 and the women at 4-1.

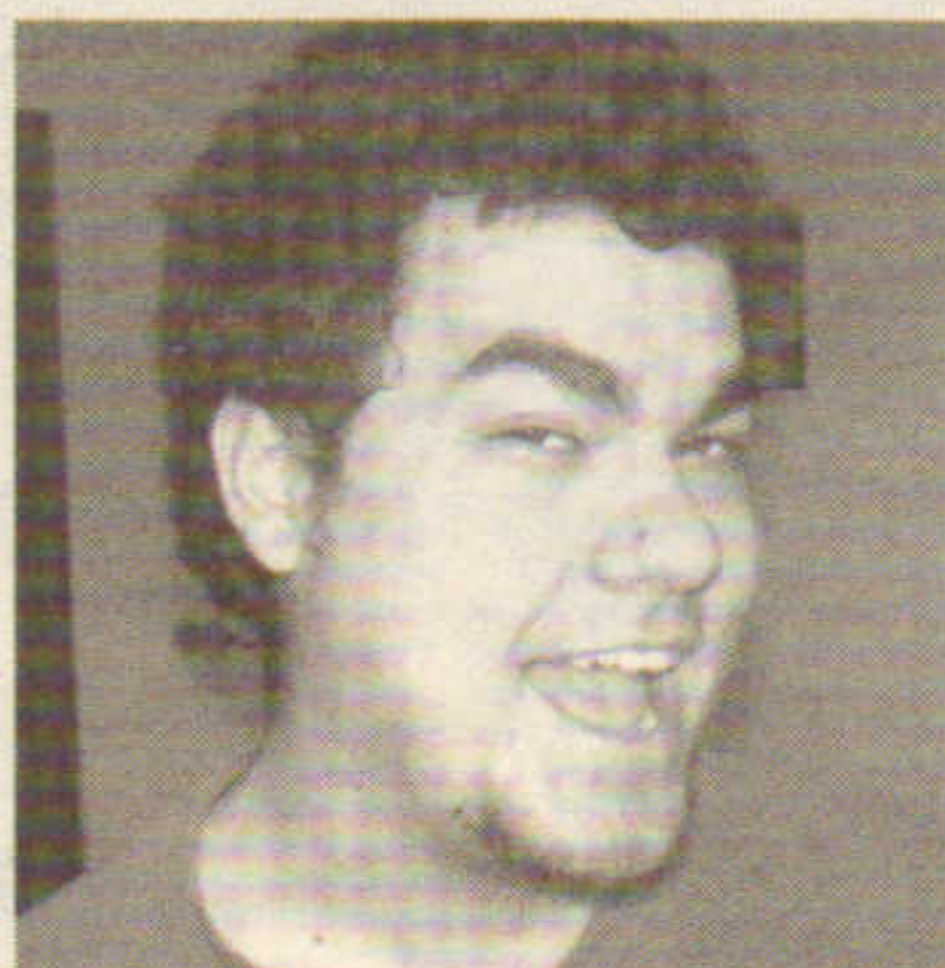


The Shelton State men's head basketball coach is Barry Mohun.
The women's coach is Madonna Thompson.



COLLEGE OF SOFT KNOCKS

*Humor by
Henri Cheramie*



There is something we all have and we play with on a daily basis. We play with it a lot actually. So much, it could be considered a sin if it weren't so fun. I am of course speaking about Myspace pages.

We've all pretty much got one and are on them all the time. I go into the library and see a sea of Myspace pages staring back at me. I have one as well, so I'm not knocking it, but seriously...people can get obsessive about it.

I got my Myspace and Facebook as a way to stay in touch with friends after the Hurricane. About a year ago, these were small, social websites, used by college students to talk about classes and such... Now they are places where people threaten

others, stalk others, and voice their political opinions and get in trouble with the law. A friend of mine recently relayed a story to me. It seems she took a friend of hers off out of her Myspace top eight. Her friend then went and harassed the person who replaced her. This person then went on to threaten physical harm if she ever took her out of the top eight spaces again... All because of a website. Wow people...get a life.

Myspace, facebook, and Friendster are all great social community websites...but...people use them to meet friends and have relationships...haven't you ever heard of a bar, or parties, or telephones even?

Go Out! Leave your house! Meet People! Be social! It's odd, but maybe the Internet will replace radio, television, telephones, and social skills. Maybe the Internet has won. Soon enough we'll all be cybernetic replicants of ourselves and we'll have to send Blade Runners out to figure out who is real, and who's a robot. And then of course the robots will fight us and begin building them-

Put me in your top eight...or I'll hurt you

selves and make us obsolete and they'll all carry double barrels and wear sunglasses and speak in Austrian accents...but I digress.

In this breakdown of society how can we manage? Now that the popular line "Can I have your number?" Has been replaced with "Are you on Myspace?", how can the phone companies manage? They lost the net to cable and now singles meet online. What a coup! Cut out the middle man! Who needs the phone? Alexander Graham Bell? Who's he?

It seems that because of Myspace, people truly are becoming faceless creatures, creating a fantasy world where they relay false information to others just to be accepted by a faceless mass that is also lying to others. It's a web of deceit that is breaking down social order and creating a sort of Orwellian society that will certainly be the death of us. But, you'll have to excuse me now. Someone just posted a bulletin asking me my top-10 favorite movies of all time, and I have to answer it.

Ciao for now!

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The American Red Cross-West Alabama Chapter has updated its list of Health and Safety classes being offered in November and December 2006. To sign up for a particular class, please call (205) 758-3608 or stop by the Chapter office at 1100 Veterans Memorial Parkway in Tuscaloosa. Classes may also be taught at your school or business for large enough groups.

NOVEMBER

4th- Standard First Aid (including CPR/AED) 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$50

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1 p.m.-4 p.m. \$35
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29th-30th- Babysitting 5 p.m.-9 p.m. \$30

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Contact Paige Orr at the American Red Cross-West Alabama Chapter at (205) 758-3608 or write to 1100 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Tuscaloosa, AL 35404.

Theatre Tuscaloosa to host holiday hilarity with premier performance of new play

All of Theatre Tuscaloosa is buzzing with excitement this holiday season. Why, you ask? Because Theatre Tuscaloosa is holding a world premier Dec. 8 of the play *A Dickens of a Carol*. Written By Stephen DeGhelder, with music written by Alabama native Brad Simmons, it's a musical farce which is sure to get Tuscaloosa clapping and laughing.

The play concerns a small town and its efforts to put on a Christmas show

after the original booked tour cancels. The town has to pull together to put on *A Christmas Carol* completely ad-libbed. With many catchy songs and hilarious moments, this play is destined to become a holiday classic.

Director Paul Looney is excited about this play. "This is a first for me and a first for Theatre Tuscaloosa, because this is the first time a world premier has been presented here. I have come full circle in my career,"

said Looney in a flurry of excitement.

He is excited about the whole show: the music, the writing, the cast, everything. "This show will bring people to Theatre Tuscaloosa and Shelton State. I'm sure of it!"

The show run from Dec. 8-17. For tickets, call the Theatre Tuscaloosa box office at 205-391-2277.

Be sure to see *A Dickens of a Carol* and make this season a Dickens of a holiday!

Soccer from Page 1

Dean of Student Services Tommy Taylor commented on how well the team has played this year. "Coach Christian and the Bucs soccer team have done a great job this season. It was just an amazing performance they put on from the very first game"

The Lady Bucs have ended the 2006 season one

win shy of the Junior College National Championship Soccer Tournament.

The team beat 11th ranked Polk Community College in the semi-final round of the playoffs on Friday, Nov. 3, advancing them to the National Junior College Athletic Association District F Tournament on Saturday Nov. 4 where they played the 2nd ranked Young Harris College, the score was 3-1.

Head coach Nellie Christian said, "We ended

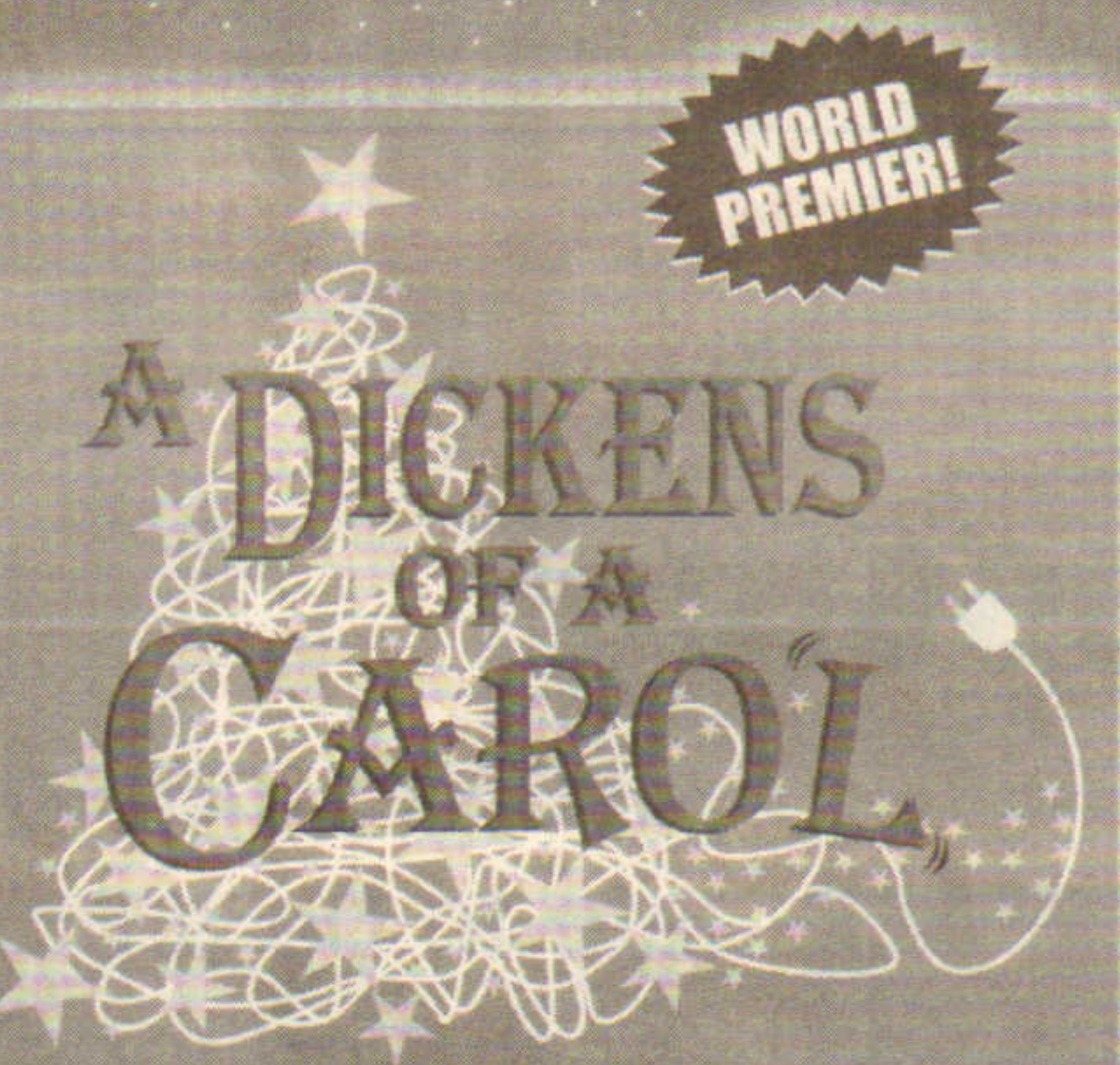
eleventh and twelfth respectively in two different polls. We had a great year, probably the best so far. We had an ending record of 17-2-1 and a great group of people who worked hard and it showed when they were out on the field."

The Lady Bucs have represented Shelton State well, bringing attention to the school on a national level. It is obvious to see what a great season the team has had this year and Shelton State soccer fans are already anticipating next season.

Flu Shots

The Alabama Department of Public Health will be providing flu shots to students, all active and retired employees, and adult dependents covered under any PEEHIP Insurance Plan. The shots will be available on Thursday, November 16th from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Wellness Center. Participants who show their PEEHIP card or their Medicare card will receive the service free of charge. Without proof of insurance, the cost for this service is \$5.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Milady Murphy in the Wellness Center at Ext 2994.



A DICKENS OF A CAROL

by Stephan de Ghelder and Brad Simmons

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tice to the light hearted band of swashbucklers, the infamous pirates of Penzance.

Frederic's nursemaid, Ruth, being slightly deaf, had thought she had apprenticed him to a pilot when he was just a young lad. Having never seen another woman but Ruth, he agrees to marry her. He later runs into a group of pretty young maidens on the beach, who are the daughters of a Major General Stanley which makes Frederic, regret his commitment to Ruth.

The band of pirates try to marry the daughters and Frederic later finds out he was born in a leap year and is really only five and is obligated to serve many more years of apprenticeship under the pirates and has to cope with this news. The plot plays out in one hilarious over-the-top scene by Gilbert and Sullivan.

The play was a great success due to the efforts of many Shelton State students.

Hunter Nelson took on the role as one of the pirates of Penzance. He felt, "It was probably my most favorite role so far, I enjoyed being able to be myself in that it



was a more laid back role."

Daniel Box also played a pirate and enjoyed working on his pirate accent and bringing the character to life. Jared Roggli played Samuel; "I felt honored to be

cannot fail to mention the always giddy daughters of Major General Stanley.



involved with the production, I feel Mrs. Blackshear did an excellent job." Student John Hisey was in

Tuscaloosa a chance to see the talent Shelton State has to offer. "The play really is a chance to change many of

charge over the lighting design and Chase Delbridge worked the sound.

When talking about the play you

the audience's views on theatre," said Sarah Elizabeth Beams who brought to life the character of Isabel.

Amy Todhunter, who played one of the daughters, felt "It was a wonderful show and cast."

Katelyn Perkins played one of the daughters as well; she really enjoyed the cast and had a lot of fun.

Close encounters with pirates during the Music Department's recent production include (Top L) Brittany Norris and "sisters"; the British police (R), making a dramatic entrance in Act Two; Joey Lay and Eryn Davis (as Ruth) come to grips with her years with the pirate gang (Bottom L).



Micklynn Kannapel played the role of Edith. She felt the play gave all of

Annika Kernop, a daughter of the Major General Stanley in the play said, "We're a big family; it's really fun, like being in high school again." The role of Kate was played by Brittany Norris who feels the play is a time to relieve stress, giving the audience and actors a time to relax and have fun and forget about the troubles in the

world.

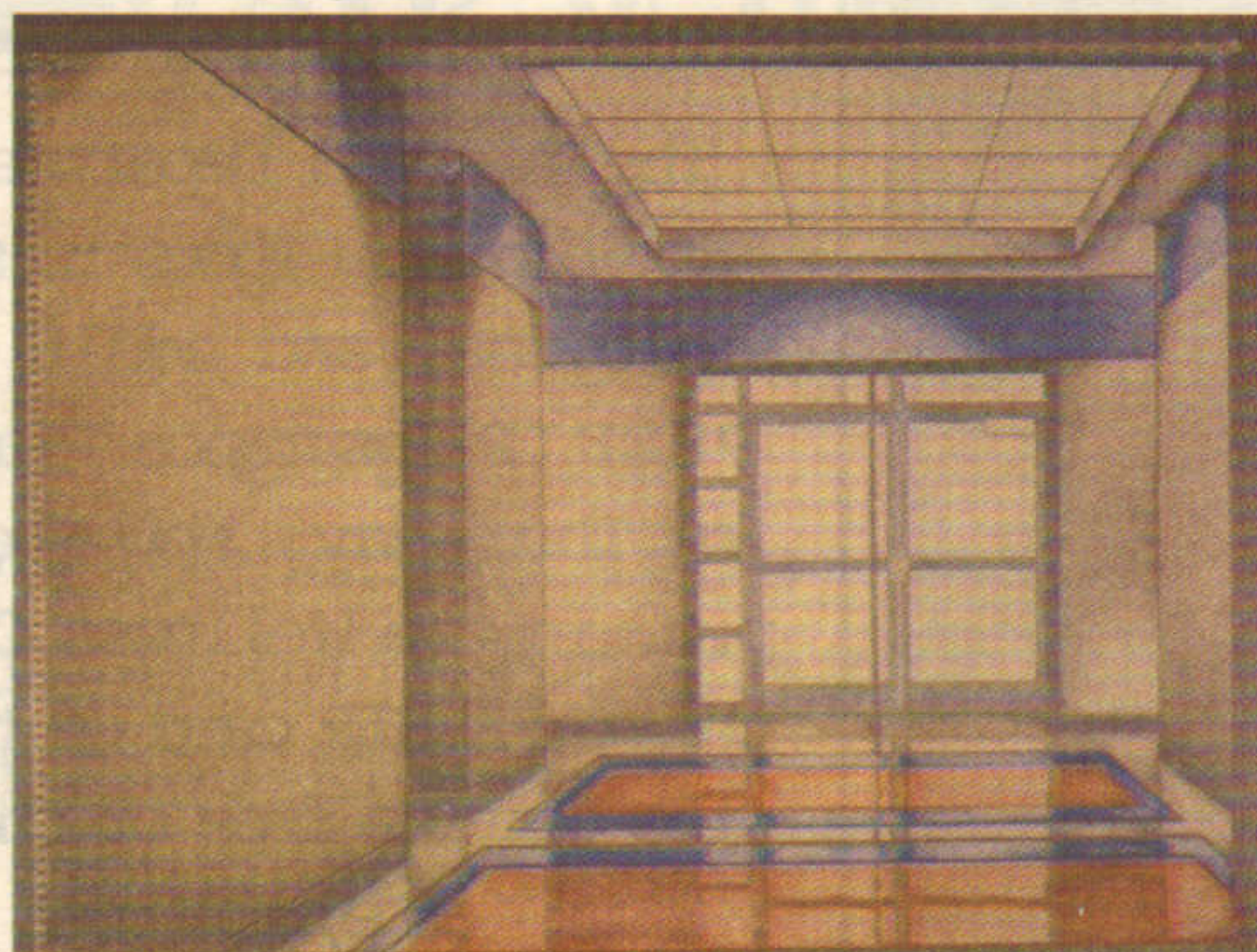
Eryn Davis played the role of Ruth; Eryn was in *The Mikado* and will also be appearing in Theatre Tuscaloosa's production of *A Dickens of a Carol* which will be playing here at Shelton State on Dec. 8-17. Joey Lay invested his time not only in the role of The Pirate King but also in the

costumes; drawing inspiration from Gilbert and Sullivan, keeping the look light and happy, the period look was the big bustle in the back of the dresses. The look of the costumes seemed to come out wonderfully

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November 27 is your deadline to submit art of all sorts
for the *Courier's* annual fine arts issue...

Maxwell's Crossing



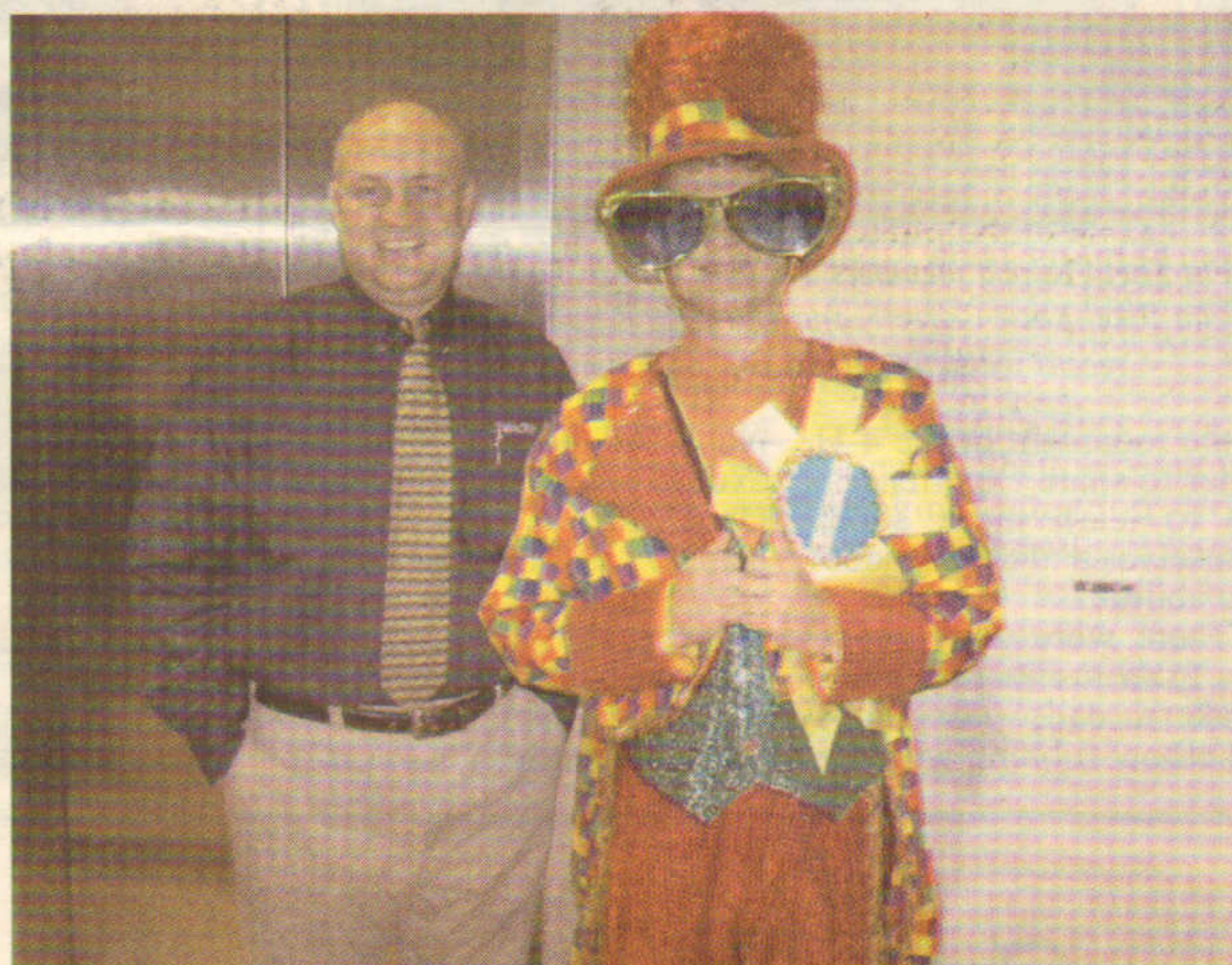
Also, it's not too late to be a part of the editorial staff of the *Courier* or the *Crossing*. Call 391-2406 or stop by Room 2319 for details.

Shel-Shots



The color and colorfulness of fall (Clockwise from L)

Kevin Windham does his best Forrest Gump impression; the faculty and staff who dressed up for Halloween congregated in the atrium; Dean Tommy Taylor and Ray Taylor of the theatre department are not related, no matter how much alike their styles appear; the view from the Courier window is autumnally bucolic; hundreds of students from Taylorville Primary School trick-or-treated in the atrium on Halloween; included in the lineup of children was Sarah Taylor, receiving candy from the hands of Bonnie Sabbagh.



News from Phi Theta Kappa:

Phi Theta Kappa leads into the future



On the weekend of Sept. 22, the chapter officers of Phi Theta Kappa embarked on a trip to Columbiana, Ala. for a weekend retreat. Members of Phi Theta Kappa chapters from all over the state met

Phi Theta Kappa big wigs. But, of course, in the traditional Phi Theta Kappa style, the weekend culminated in a disco-style dance with pizza, and a pool party. Door prizes were handed out, new friends made, and



Phi Theta Kappa members Thomas Wheat, Laura Meherg, Megan Pike, Katie Garrett, and Michelle Rosenberg enjoy their recent weekend retreat in Columbiana, Ala.

on the mountain of the 4-H center to share experiences, and to learn more about themselves and their leadership abilities.

There were daily seminars from fascinating guest speakers, daily workshops and elbow-rubbing with the

plans for the next exciting excursion were unveiled. Once again, Phi Theta Kappa has mixed learning with fun, and made for an unforgettable weekend.

So, what are you waiting for?

Join already!

Four win NISOD awards; now heading to Austin

The National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) will be holding its annual conference in Austin, Texas May 20-23, 2007. Four of Shelton State's outstanding employees from distinct areas of operation will be on hand representing the college.

The four Sheltonians are Darrell Hagler, academic division; William Quimby, technical education; Tammy Gray, support staff and Joanne Cousette, professional staff.

Hagler has been teaching math for the college

since 2002, after a stint in high school education. "I always enjoyed the subject matter," Hagler said of math, "and I thought I could help students be successful in a difficult subject. The students here are eager and willing to learn."

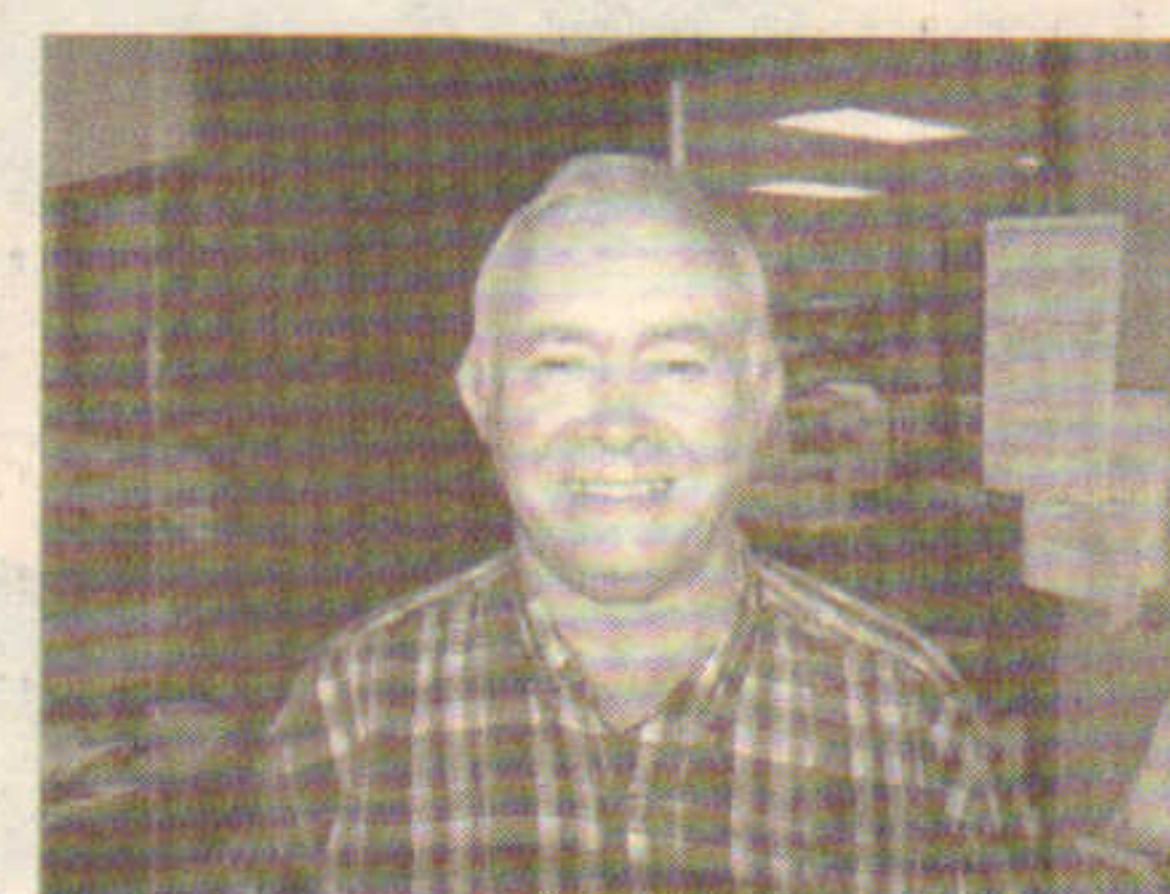
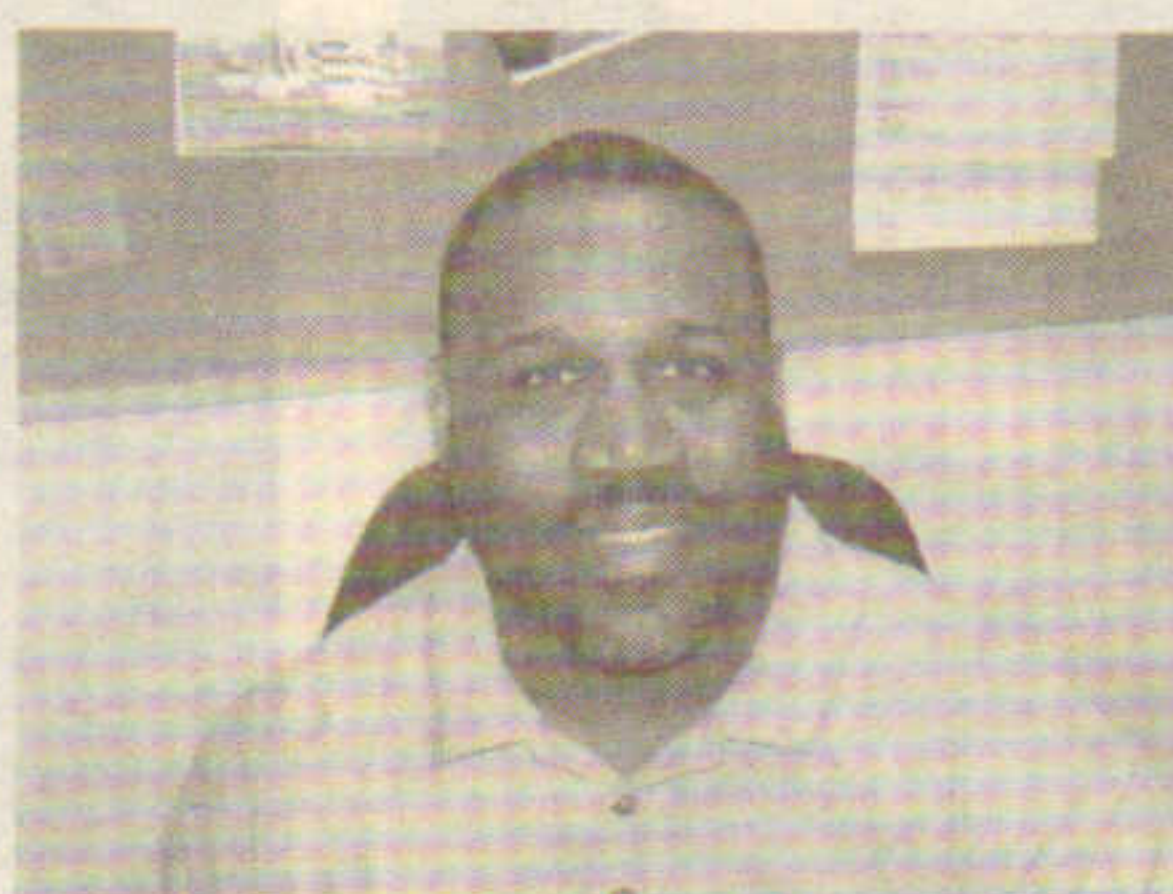
Quimby has been teaching electrical technology at Shelton for more than 26 years. He worked 12 years in industry, but this is the job he wanted ever since he took his first class from his predecessor, Robert Nowlin. "I guess you could just say I was waiting for the opportunity," Quimby said.

Gray has been working with the college payroll for 10 years. She said it can be a stressful job at times, but it's one that suits her. "I like the feeling that everything balances out. The discipline of absolute deadlines appeals to me, too," she said.

Cousette also has a challenging job in its million details. She has worked with financial aid for 24 years. "It's stressful all right," she said, "but we do it for the students. They might not always recognize how important it is, but we know how vital it is."

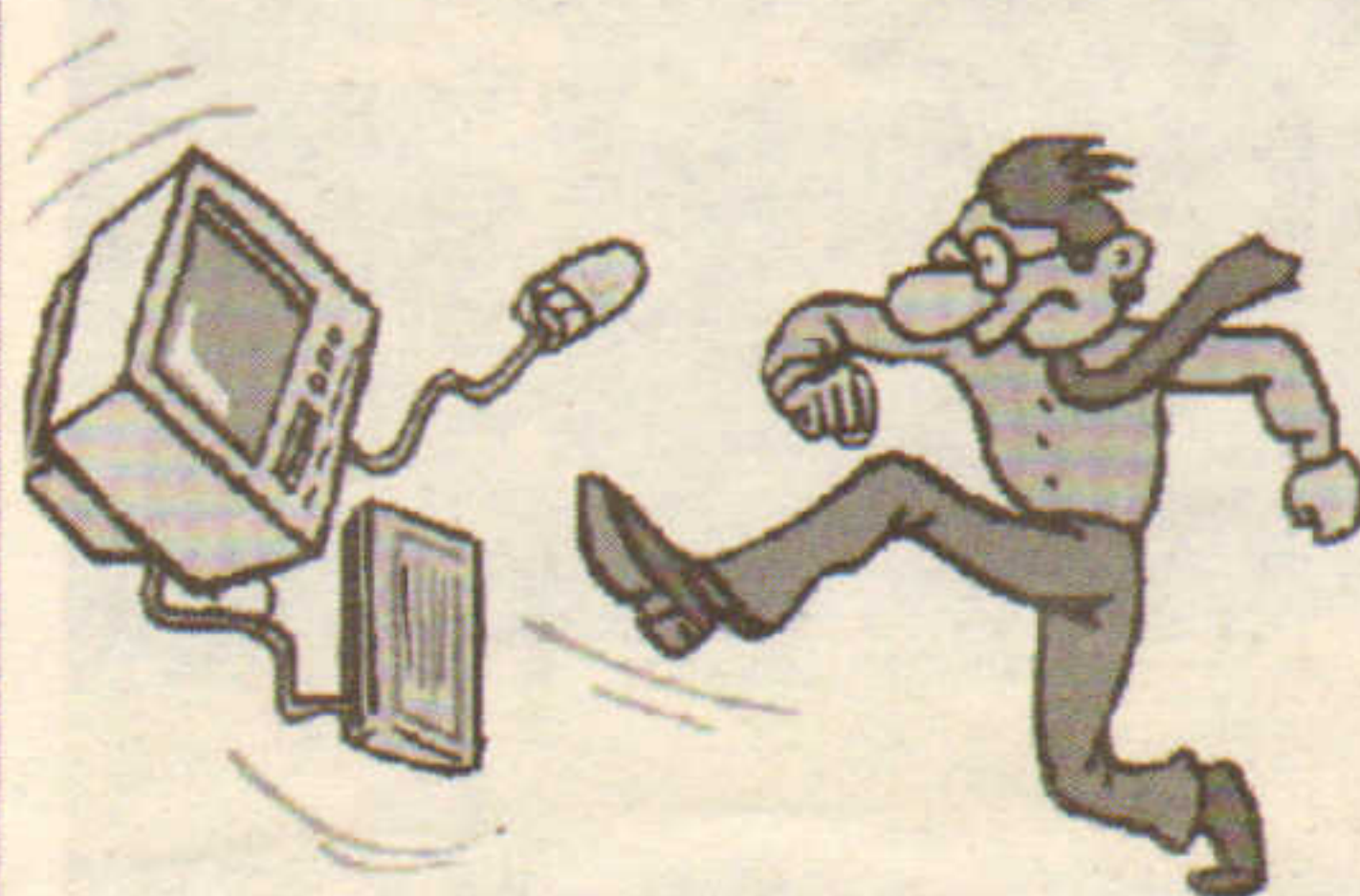


The NISOD winners and representatives from Shelton State are: (Clockwise from Top L) Joanne Cousette, Tammy Gray, William Quimby, and Darrell Hagler.



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Shelton State Basketball

Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
Men's				
November 20-21, 2006, Southland International, The Umphrey Center, 8 p.m.				
Monday, 11/20 vs. Wallace-Selma — Tuesday, 11/21 vs. Chattahoochee Valley				
November 27	Monday	Bishop State	Mobile, AL	7:15 PM
November 30	Thursday	LBW (HC)	Umphrey Center	7:30 PM
December 5	Tuesday	Meridian	Meridian, MS	7:00 PM
December 7	Thursday	Chattahoochee Valley	Phoenix City, AL	7:30 PM
December 9	Saturday	Enterprise-Ozark	Umphrey Center	7:30 PM
December 19	Tuesday	Meridian	Umphrey Center	7:30 PM
December 22-23, 2006 — Cecil Tournament, North East, MD, TBA				
January 6, 2007	Saturday	AL Southern	Umphrey Center	7:30 PM
January 11	Thursday	*Bevill-Sumiton	Jasper, AL	7:30 PM
January 16	Tuesday	*NW Shoals	Muscle Shoals, AL	7:30 PM
January 18	Thursday	*Lawson State	Umphrey Center	7:30 PM
January 22	Monday	*Snead	Umphrey Center	7:30 PM
January 25	Thursday	*Bevill-Fayette	Umphrey Center	7:30 PM
January 29	Monday	*Wallace-Hanceville	Hanceville, AL	7:30 PM
February 1	Thursday	*Gadsden State	Gadsden, AL	7:30 PM
February 3	Saturday	*Bevill-Sumiton	Umphrey Center	7:30 PM
February 5	Monday	*Marion Military Inst.	Umphrey Center	7:30 PM
February 8	Thursday	*NW Shoals	Umphrey Center	7:30 PM
February 12	Monday	*Lawson State	Birmingham, AL	7:30 PM
February 15	Thursday	*Snead	Boaz, AL	7:30 PM
February 19	Monday	*Bevill-Fayette	Fayette, AL	7:30 PM
February 22	Thursday	*Wallace-Hanceville	Umphrey Center	7:30 PM
February 26	Monday	*Gadsden State	Umphrey Center	7:30 PM
March 1	Thursday	*Marion Military Inst.	Marion, AL	7:30 PM
Ladies				
March 7-10, 2007, ACCC State Tournament, Pelham Civic Center, Pelham, AL				
November 16	Thursday	Faulkner State	Bay Minette, AL	5:15 PM
November 27	Monday	Bishop State	Mobile, AL	5:15 PM
November 30	Thursday	LBW (HC)	Umphrey Center	5:30 PM
December 7	Thursday	Chattahoochee Valley	Phoenix City, AL	5:30 PM
December 9	Saturday	Enterprise-Ozark	Umphrey Center	5:30 PM
December 29-31, Broward County Comm. College Holiday Classic, Ft. Lauderdale, FL				
12/29 vs. St. Louis CC @ 11:00 AM — 12/30 vs. McMaster Univ. @ 1 PM — 12/31 vs. Salem County CC @ 11:00 AM				
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February 8	Thursday	*NW Shoals	Umphrey Center	5:30 PM
February 10	Saturday	Faulkner State	Umphrey Center	3:00 PM
February 12	Monday	*Lawson State	Birmingham, AL	5:30 PM
February 15	Thursday	*Snead State	Boaz, AL	5:30 PM
February 17	Saturday	AL Southern	Monroeville, AL	3:00 PM
February 19	Monday	*Bevill-Fayette	Fayette, AL	5:30 PM
February 22	Thursday	*Wallace-Hanceville	Umphrey Center	5:30 PM
February 26	Monday	*Gadsden State	Umphrey Center	5:30 PM
March 4-7, 2007 ACCC Women's Basketball State Tournament. Pelham Civic Center, Pelham, AL				

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along with Joey's role as Pirate King.

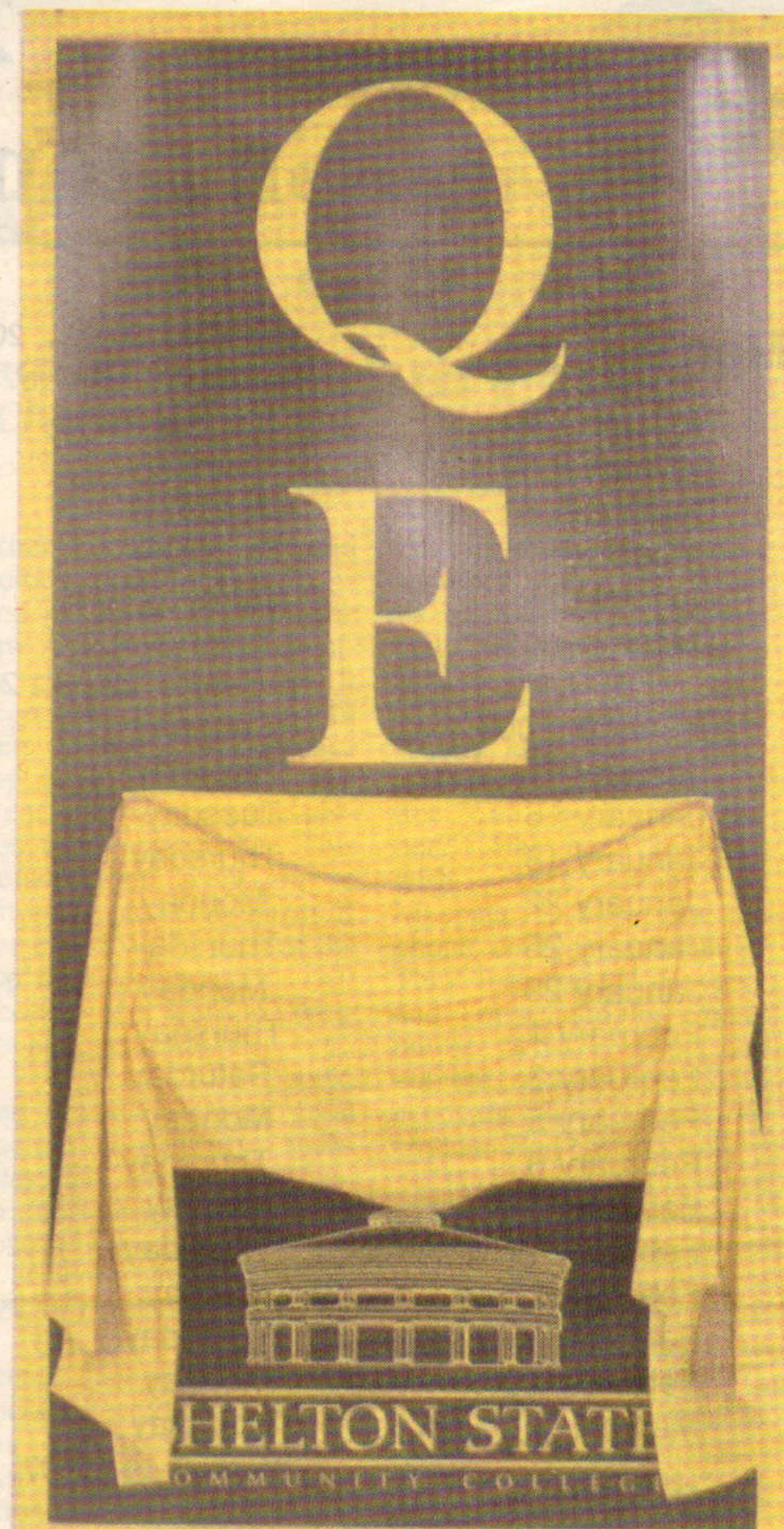
You may be wondering who helped these performers learn these synchronized moves, well; it was a fellow performer by the name of Marlin Ward. The *Pirates of Penzance* was Marlin's debut as a choreographer, but he is no stranger when it comes to the theater, he has been involved with many performances at Shelton State, Theatre Tuscaloosa and Hillcrest High school. You can tell by his involvement in the rehearsals Marlin really enjoys what he is doing.

Michael Carr, was part of the production staff, he said, "This is one of the many times the music dept. and the theatre dept. collaborated with each other. Every time it gives students and faculty a chance to interact with each other, these sorts of collaborations are always exciting. I just encourage everybody to come out and support these students."

You can clearly see the faculty and student involvement that helped make Shelton States performance of *The Pirates of Penzance* a great success.

Without the dedicated theater and music department here at Shelton, these types of performances could never be done, and of course without the audience, there would be no reason to do them. So many students put many hours of hard work into this play and it seems by the reaction of the audience, it was well worth it.

Scenes from the music department's colorful presentation of the *Pirates of Penzance* (From Top to Bottom) show Jonathon Lyons, as the Major General, commiserating with his daughters; Ernest Cannon having it out with Joey Lay's Pirate King; the Pirate King soliloquizing with the audience; and the *Pirates of Penzance* themselves in ensemble form.



Q... E?